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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE JANUARY 10, 2000 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This is an Amendment response to the Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 10, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 10, 2000 Office Action was due April 10, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time from April 10, 2000 to July 10, 2000. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$435.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed. Applicants have previously established small-entity status. Therefore, a response to the January 10, 2000 Office Action is now due July 10, 2000 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

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